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To:

Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 November 14, 2011

Request for Waiver

CC Docket No. 02-6

Request waiver of the Rules on Deadlines to File for Invoice Extension Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries ("E-Rate Program")

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Applicant: Hazel Crest School District 152 ½

Billed Entity Number: 135541 FCC Registration Number: 0011981560

Funding Year: 2009 Form 471 Number: 660692

Funding Request Number (FRN): 1851696

Pre-Discount Commitment - Total Requests: \$46,824.00

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%

Funding Commitment Decision: \$42,141.60

Disbursed Amount: \$4,156.53

Balance Amount: \$37,985.07

Dear Sirs:

The Hazel Crest School District 152 1/2 ("District 152.5") would like to respectfully submit a Request for Waiver of the Rules of the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries ("Erate Program"), to re-open these Funding Requests and allow District 152.5 to file for BEAR reimbursement for the balance amount of the funding commitment for eligible services delivered and paid for during Funding Year 2009, which ended June 30, 2010.

District 152.5 asks the FCC to grant a Waiver of the Rules to allowing us the opportunity to submit reimbursement the USAC-SLD on these funding requests. Due to a series of reasons,

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primary of which included the need for clarification of the accuracy of our bills with our service providers -- and a change in technology and business support personnel at District 152.5 -- we could not appropriately file the needed evidence to support the invoicing and reimbursement of all of the approved services in accordance with E-rate rules and regulations. The services seeking E-rate support here were eligible voice and data services from provider Illinois Bell (dba AT&T – Illinois) with a SPIN# 143001912.

We note here that the Waiver of the Rules asked for here would serve the public interest by allowing the District to offset payments on its eligible telecommunications services, and would not adversely affect current or future E-rate applicants.

District 152.5 serves 1083 students from an economically-challenged section of the Chicago Metro area. Our free and reduced lunch-eligible population is 100% of our total population. As with many schools across the nation, our District has tackled budget and service cuts, teacher / staff reductions in the face of declining education dollars. E-rate support is critical to our ability to serve our students and staff.

Please feel free to call or write with any questions and/or concerns.

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Sincerely,

Director of Business Services

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